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SUBJ: USIRJC ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF REPORT OF ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE  
TO U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION:

2. QUOTE - ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE

(1) THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE COOPERATION NOW EXISTING  
BETWEEN IRANIAN AND UNITED STATES ORGANIZATIONS IN THE  
FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. IT FOUND THAT THE LEVEL OF  
COOPERATION HAD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED SINCE ITS LAST  
MEETING BOTH IN SCOPE AND INTENSITY; AND, IN ADDITION,  
THAT A NUMBER OF NEW ACTIVITIES HAD ENTERED THE FINAL  
PHASES OF NEGOTIATION WHICH WOULD FURTHER THE CLOSE  
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND IRAN IN THIS  
FIELD OF ENERGY.

THE COMMITTEE ESTIMATED THAT THE CURRENT LEVEL OF  
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COOPERATION BETWEEN IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE

NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD APPROXIMATED TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS.

THE COMMITTEE TOOK PARTICULAR NOTE OF THE COOPERATION IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- EVALUATION OF SITES FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN IRAN;
- EXPLORATION IN IRAN FOR URANIUM RESOURCES;
- TRAINING OF IRANIAN ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS;
- FABRICATION OF SLIGHTLY ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL FOR NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS; AND
- RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN IRANIAN AND UNITED STATES RESEARCH CENTERS.

(2) THE COMMITTEE REAFFIRMED THE STRONG MUTUAL INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES IN CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE UNITED STATES TO COOPERATE IN THE LARGE SCALE APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY TO THE GENERATION OF ELECTRIC POWER AND DESALINATION IN IRAN. IT ALSO RECOGNIZED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY BOTH COUNTRIES TO THE AVOIDANCE OF FURTHER PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THEIR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TOWARD THAT OBJECTIVE. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES CONSULT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR EFFORTS, SO AS TO FURTHER INSURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVE.

THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE SINCE THE PREVIOUS COMMISSION MEETING IN DEFINING THE PRINCIPLES OF A NEW COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IN NUCLEAR POWER, AND AGREED THAT AS A RESULT OF FURTHER PROGRESS MADE IN THE PRESENT MEETING, A REALISTIC BASIS FOR PROCEEDING WITH DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS NOW EXISTS. IT STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS BE PURSUED BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE AUTHORITIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TOWARD REACHING AN EARLY AGREEMENT.

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(3) THE COMMITTEE ALSO DISCUSSED THE INTEREST BOTH OF IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES AND THE POTENTIAL FOR FURTHERING THEIR MUTUAL INTERESTS THROUGH CLOSER COOPERATION. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT THIS OBJECTIVE COULD BE BEST SERVED BY ESTABLISHING A FOCAL POINT FOR THE PROMOTION OF U.S.-IRAN COOPERATION IN ENERGY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION. THE

COMMITTEE THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT THE JOINT COMMISSION  
CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A NEW JOINT COMMITTEE WITH THE MAN-  
DATE TO PURSUE A BROAD EFFORT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-  
MENT IN ENERGY SOURCES, INCLUDING NUCLEAR. UNQUOTE.  
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